



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 4:05 p.m. after the Public Hearing

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Berrigan
Acting Mayor Councilor Nancy Egely
Councilor David Lepsoe
Councilor Ali Maki
Councilor Steve Scott

Also in Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Leif Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
Isabell Hadford, Interim Corporate Officer

Guest: Sean O'Flaherty

Public Gallery: 15
Press: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Egely called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councilor Scott

**"That the July 12, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council Agenda be adopted as amended by correcting numbering under *Section 8: New Business* and by adding:
(a) additional information under *7.1 Highway Ownership within Municipality*,
(b) *7.5 Donations Towards the Fort McMurray Recovery Fund*, and
(c) *8.5 Chase Skate Park.*"**

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_001

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councilor Maki

"That the minutes of the June 28, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_002

4. **PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Acting Mayor Egely called for members of the public to speak to items on the agenda and asked that only new information be presented regarding the Pine Street stop signs.

Item 7.1 - Highway Ownership within Municipality and Regulations

Rosemary Deorksen spoke to the petition she had presented to Council at the June 28th meeting. The petition contained a number of signatures from people who don't live in Chase. The recount shows 171 signatures with a Chase address.

Rosemary advised that she spoke with two RCMP constables who were surprised to see the stop signs in place and that they are doing everything they can regarding violations.

Mayor Berrigan reported speaking with RCMP Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison who advised the RCMP are aware and will monitor the Pine Street stop signs.

Samantha McMullen of 426 Pine Street was concerned that First Nations people who had signed the petition may not be counted. Acting Mayor Egely felt that the names of Chase residents on the petition should be counted.

Item 7.3 - Appeal for Relief of Tax Penalty Applied to Folio 310.135 for 2015 Taxes

Corrine Reynolds advised that at their June 28th meeting, Council had requested she obtain information from the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA). A copy of the 2005 BCAA roll shows her father's name as first and her brother's name as last on title. There was no evidence that BCAA made the change showing her brother as first on title.

Acting Mayor Egely called three times for members of the public to speak to items on the agenda and hearing none, moved on to the next agenda item.

5. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Berrigan

June 30th – Attended meeting with Sexqeltkemc te Secwepemc (formerly Lakes Division) along with Councilor Lepsoe and CAO

July 1st – Took part in Canada Day parade and opening ceremonies, along with fellow dignitaries.

July 5th – Attended the first Music-in-the-Park and opened the festivities

July 8th – Attended the BDO round table discussion in Kamloops – topic was asset and financial management at the civic level.

July 12th – Phone conference with Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison regarding crime prevention in Chase. Mayor Berrigan read out information about a significant drop in total Criminal Code offences – down 24.5% for June 2016 vs June 2015. There was also significant total Criminal Code reduction for the first six months – down 41% for January to June 2016 vs same period in 2015.

Acting Mayor Councilor Egely

July 1st – Rode in Canada Day paraded with Chief Judy Wilson and Mayor Berrigan in Grant Currie's convertible—won 2nd place in the Vintage Car category.

- Attended festivities at Memorial Park and ran the ticket booth at the beer garden. Great event! Great turnout!

July 5th - Attended the first Music-in-the-Park. Over 200 people attended the first event and it was a wonderful success.

July 6th – Attended the Citizens-on-Patrol meeting at Neskonlith Band. The meeting was well attended though Councilor Egely feels continued Village participation is not required. Neskonlith Band is handling their needs very well and the Band itself has many issues that are best left to them, the Citizens-on-Patrol and the RCMP.

July 8th - Attended the BDO round table discussion in Kamloops – topic was asset and financial management at the civic level. Representatives from Kamloops, Ashcroft, Clinton and Chase attended. Very interesting.

Councilor Lepsoe

June 29th – Attended Music-on-the-Lake Committee meeting.

June 30th – Attended meeting with Sexqelkemoc te Secwepemc (formerly Lakes Division) along with Mayor and CAO

Attended Trail Mix opening gala at Salmon Arm Art Gallery. Seventeen trails were featured (Mount Scatchard was one of them). The paintings, photos, and an article, will be featured at the Art Gallery all summer. Councilor Lepsoe showed Council a copy of the trails book that was featured.

July 1st – Was Master of Ceremonies at the Canada Day festivities. WOW – a great job done by everyone!

July 5th – Attended Music-on-the-Lake and canoe journey. Eleven people were picked up in Chase and driven to Quaaout Lodge and met up with nine additional participants. They paddled in two canoes, saw pictographs, a bald eagle, and arrived at Chase Memorial Park just before the music started.

July 9th – Went on Village of Chase Historic Tour – 19 participants.

Councilor Maki

June 29th - Attended the Skate Park TSN filming event for the Kraft Heinz Project Play Grant for the Top 10 finalists.

June 29th – Chaired the Music-on-the-Lake Committee meeting.

July 1st - Volunteered at Canada Day festivities from 9:00 a.m. until midnight. Managed the Park Market and served beer in the Beer Garden.

July 5th - Organized and emceed our first Music on the Lake! Such a huge success, over 200 attendees! The committee is very proud of their hard work!

July 10th – Participated in two radio interviews with Radio NL and CBC Radio on behalf of the Chase Skate Park Society and the Village of Chase.

July 11th - Attended a Skate Park Meeting regarding their success in making the Top 4 for the Kraft Heinz Project Play Grant!! The group is looking at marketing ideas and working hard to promote this opportunity! Extended hugs congratulations to Kelsey Snelgrove for all her hard work in getting the project to this stage.

Councilor Scott

July 1st – Attended Canada Day festivities—it was a great success.

b) Staff Reports

Director of Financial Services

Leif Pedersen reported that the Department has started the process inviting submissions for the 2017 Permissive Tax Exemption process, and have also started working on the 2017 budget. Utility bills will be sent out by the end of July/early August. The staff is currently testing rates and July readings will be entered within the next few days.

Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Joni Heinrich is continuing to work with the Acting Public Works Supervisor on various Public Works initiatives. Phase 1 of the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade has been completed and piping has been installed between the two lagoons. The next phase is construction of the pumping system and installation of associated pumps and electrical components.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer – working on property maintenance issues.

Dog Control Officer has handled several dogs at large, returns to owner and surrenders to the SPCA for rehoming.

The Fire Department is having the roof on the old portion of the Fire Hall repaired and upgrading the air handling system. They are looking at additional items, such as window replacement, for the 2017 budget. On a question from Mayor Berrigan, the CAO advised that the Fire Department's projects were included in the 2016 budget. Two quotes had been obtained for the work and they went with the lower of the two quotes, which is within the 2016 budgeted amount.

CAO Heinrich referred Council to her activity report on the agenda.

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councilor Scott

"That the reports from Mayor, Council members and staff be received for information."

**CARRIED
#2016/07/12_003**

6. DELEGATIONS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Highway Ownership within Municipality and Regulations

The CAO reviewed the report outlining the authority of the Municipality over roads, and the additional information received from Citizens-on-Patrol showing vehicle activity in the Pine Street area. Mayor Berrigan noted that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has provided an extensive report on vehicle activity as well. He felt the issue is not whether people are stopping, but whether drivers are slowing down on Pine Street, and that more data is needed on this item. Councilor Scott stated that in his opinion, Council has created more issues with installing the stop sign than were anticipated.

Moved by Councilor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Berrigan

"That the stop signs installed at the corner of Pine Street and 5th Avenue be removed immediately."

**#2016/07/12_004
No Vote on Motion**

The CAO advised Council about part of resolution #2016/06/14_008 adopted at the Regular Council meeting on held June 14, 2016, which states ". . . **That staff be requested to provide a more detailed report regarding traffic calming options for Pine Street for possible inclusion in the 2017 budget...**".

Moved by Councilor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Berrigan

"That Resolution #2016/07/12_004 be amended to add: that it be confirmed that staff is directed to provide a more detailed report regarding traffic calming options for Pine Street for possible inclusion in the 2017 budget."

**#2016/07/12_005
CARRIED**

Moved by Councilor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Berrigan
“That the stop signs on the corner of Pine Street and 5th Avenue be removed immediately, and that it be confirmed that staff has been directed to provide a more detailed report regarding traffic calming options for Pine Street for possible inclusion in the 2017 budget.”

**DEFEATED
#2016/07/12_006**

OPPOSED: Councilors Egely, Lepsoe, & Maki

7.2 Village of Chase Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 820-2016

Moved by Councilor Maki
Seconded by Councilor Scott

“That the “Village of Chase Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 820-2016” be adopted.”

**CARRIED
#2016/07/12_007**

7.3 Appeal for Relief of Tax Penalty Applied to Folio 310.135 for 2015 Taxes

The Director of Financial Services advised on research he had done with regard to the electronic information received from BC Assessment Authority (BCAA). In 2010 the data was altered by BCAA electronically when they installed a new computer system, however, no change had been made to the physical documents. He outlined the challenges that occurred in BCAA changing the computer system as a possible cause of the problems with the Village’s computer data.

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That a letter be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities at the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development explaining the problem with a tax penalty applied to Folio 310.135 and asking for his consideration on reversing the tax penalty.”

**CARRIED
#2016/07/12_008**

7.4 Rain Barrels – Local Purchasing Opportunity

Moved by Councilor Maki
Seconded by Councilor Lepsoe

“That Council authorizes Administration to proceed with the purchase of 105 “Orbis” cistern rain barrels at a total cost of \$7,056, \$3,024 of which has already been collected.”

**CARRIED
#2016/07/12_009**

7.5 Donations Towards the Fort McMurray Recovery Fund

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councilor Scott

“That the Village forward the \$257.65 in donations received towards the Fort McMurray recovery fund to the Fort McMurray United Way, and that any future funds be forwarded as they are received.”

**CARRIED
#2016/07/12_010**

Moved by Acting Mayor Egely
Seconded by Mayor Berrigan
“That Resolution #2016/07/12 be amended to take \$42.35 from Councilor Egely’s grant-in-aid allotment to top up the donated amount, and \$300 be forwarded to the Fort McMurray United Way from the Village of Chase.”

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_011

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2016 Chief Elected Officials Forum – Local Government Leadership Academy

Moved by Councilor Scott

Moved by Councilor Maki

“That, as per Council Expense Reimbursement Policy #A-21, Council approves the payment of costs associated with Mayor Berrigan’s registration, travel and accommodation to attend the Chief Elected Officials Forum scheduled for December 6-7, 2016 in the Lower Mainland.”

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_012

8.2 BC Hydro Power Smart – 2016 UBCM Convention

Moved by Mayor Berrigan

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That staff arrange a meeting at the 2016 UBCM Convention in Victoria, with a BC Hydro senior manager to discuss the allocation of lower electricity service rates for recreational facilities in small rural communities (under 20,000 populations), to assist in preventing the loss of such facilities which will have serious negative impacts on small rural communities.”

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_013

8.3 Development Variance Application #2 – 2016 – Whitfield East Strata Subdivision

Moved by Councilor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Berrigan

“That Council authorizes Administration to proceed with the required process associated with the application to vary provisions on the Subdivision Control Bylaw relating to road grades for improvements to Aylmer Road from 350 meters east of Shuswap Avenue to 960 meters east of Shuswap Avenue.”

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_014

8.4 Adams Lake Indian Band Chief and Council Meetings – Chase Attendance

Moved by Councilor Scott

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That the information about rescheduling the July 12, 2016 meeting of the Adams Lake Indian Band Chief and Council, be received for information.”

CARRIED
#2016/07/12_015

8.5 Chase Skate Park

Moved by Councilor Scott

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That a grant-in-aid of \$150 be awarded to the Chase & District Skate Park Society to pay for rent of a community facility on Monday, July 25, 2016 to facilitate on-line voting in the Kraft Heinz Project Play Contest for the Chase Skate Park.”

CARRIED

#2016/07/12_016

RELEASE OF PREVIOUS IN CAMERA ITEMS

Acting Mayor Egely read out the following statement:

“That Colin Connett is hereby appointed with all rights and privileges as Acting Public Works Supervisor, until such time as a new Manager of Public Works is appointed for the Village of Chase.”

9. **IN CAMERA**

Moved by Councilor Maki

Seconded by Councilor Scott

“That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the *Community Charter*, paragraph (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.”

CARRIED

#2016/07/12_017

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Acting Mayor Egely

Seconded by Councilor Maki

“That the July 12, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

#2016/07/12_018

The meeting concluded at 5:22 p.m.

N. Egely, Acting Mayor

J. Heinrich, CAO